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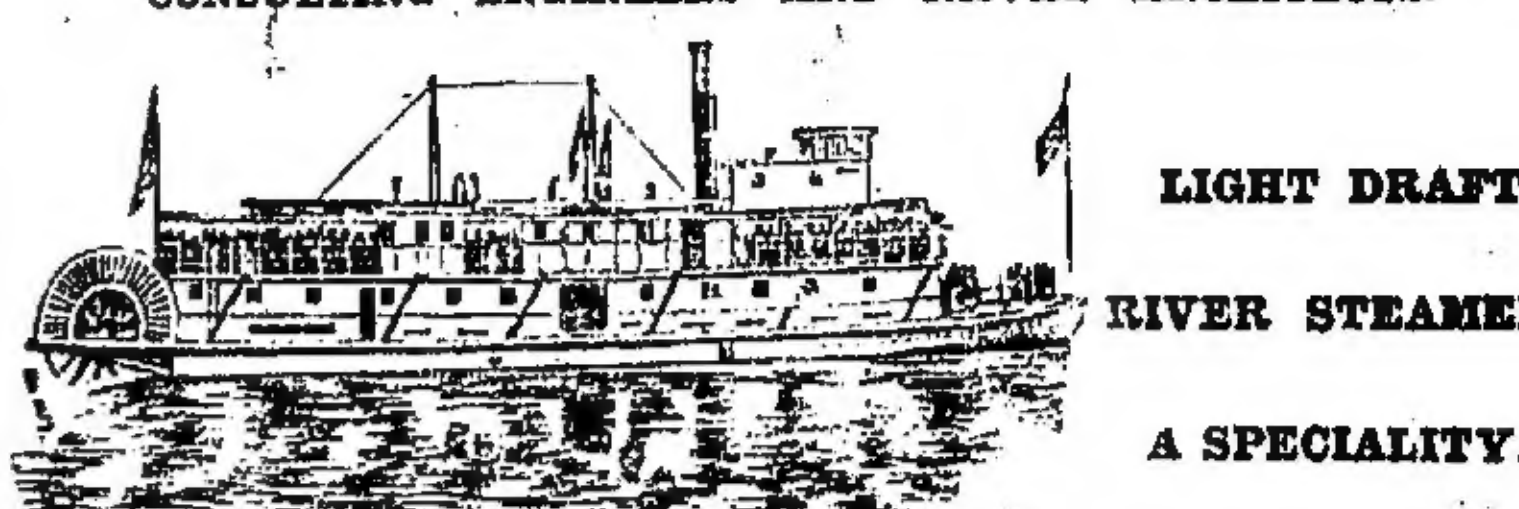
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Leviathan	river gunboat	180	2	800	Hon. N. G. Stopford	Macao
Moore	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Lt.-Comdr. G. G. Webster	Hongkong
Ocean	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6300	Captain R. F. Foote, C.M.G.	Wohaiwei
Phoenix	ship	1015	6	1400	Lt.-Com. G. G. Codrington	Hongkong
Rambler	surveying-vessel	635	6	650	Commodore W. H. Nicholson	Hongkong
Rinaldo	ship	920	10	1400	Captain Morris	Hongkong
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Com. J. St. A. Wake	Shanghai
Rosario	ship	920	6	1400	Lt.-Com. John P. Irven	Canton
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Comdr. T. Jackson	Shanghai
Sirius	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000		Wohaiwei
Snake	river gunboat	85	2	240	Capt. C. H. H. Moore	Yangtze
Sparrowhawk	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	6300	Lt.-Comdr. Davidson	Hongkong
Taku	cruiser, 2nd class	5600	11	9000		Chemulpo
Talbot	receiving ship	4850	6	—	Captain Lewis Bayly	Hongkong
Tamar	river gunboat	180	2	800	Rear-Admiral C. G. Robinson	Yangtze
Teal	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. E. V. Dugmore	Hongkong
Thetis	cruiser, 2nd class	3400	8	9000	Capt. J. A. O. Wilkinson	Shanghai
Tweed	coast defence gunboat	363	3	200	Lieut. Forbes	Hankow
Vengeance	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Capt. Leslie Stuart, C.M.O.	Formosa
Vestal	ship	980	10	1400	Comdr. S. St. John Macgillivray	Hongkong
Virago	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	6300	Lieut.-Comdr. B. Barker	Hongkong
Waterwitch	surveying ship	420	6	450	Lt.-Comdr. Ernest C. Hardy	Hongkong
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	380	6	5900	In Reserve	Hankow
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	550	Lieut.-Com. Hugh Somerville	Yangtze
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	550	Lieut.-Com. Wason	Yangtze

* Flag of Admiral Sir Cyprian A. G. Bridge, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief.

+ Flag of Rear-Admiral the Hon. A. G. Curzon-Howe, C.B., O.M.G.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported
Aspern	Austrian cruiser	962	—	—	Capt. Friedrich Grunzenberger	Cheloo
Acheron	French gunboat	1796	—	—	Captain Laferrieres	Saigon
Alouette	French gunboat	300	—	—	Lieut. A. Varnay	Hongkong
Argus	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Crepin	Canton
Asio	French gunboat	475	3	450	Commander Journe	Saigon
Arvalanche	French gunboat	580	—	—	Lieut. Horen	Haiphong
Bengali	French gunboat	3740	29	9000	Capt. Lafere	Shanghai
Bugeaud	French cruiser	3018	18	—	Captain V. Foidlone	Chemulpo
Chateaufort	French gunboat	525	—	—	Commander Louet	Haiphong
Cemete	French gunboat	690	—	—	Commander Guthsell	Saigon
Decade	French gunboat	1250	6	2200	Capt. Le Goffeur	Haiphong
Kersaint	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Bécus	Saigon
Lion	French cruiser	9700	12	19,000	Captain Aron	Saigon
Montcalm	French gunboat	4015	27	8600	Capt. Hurst	Shanghai
Orly	French gunboat	9437	8	6071	Captain Soule	Chemulpo
Pascal	French cruiser	1796	10	—	Capt. Vincent	Saigon
Redoubtable	French gunboat	429	2	960	Captain Thomas	Hongkong
Stryx	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Gaillard	Yangtze
Surprise	French gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Blondel	Saigon
Takou	French gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Blondel	Along Bay
Vauban	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Carol	Canton
Vigilant	French gunboat	400	4	441	Co ndr. Villeneuve	Saigon
Vipers	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	—
Bussard	German cruiser	1857	15	2900	Comdr. Huss	Amoy
Fürst Bismarck	German flag-ship	11,000	38	14,000	Captain Friedrich	Shanghai
Geir	German cruiser	1776	16	2860	Comdr. Wuthmann	Port Arthur
Hansa	German cruiser	6000	24	10,000	Capt. van Semmen	Shanghai
Hertha	German cruiser	6000	27	10,000	Capt. Baron Schimmelmann	Shanghai
Ilia	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Capt. Baron M. Hallen	Kobe
Jaguar	German gunboat	850	10	1300	Comdr. Wilbrandt	Hongkong
Luchs	German gunboat	1529	—	—	Comdr. Kroncke	Hongkong
Möwe	German gunboat	1640	15	2800	Comdr. Faepel	Chemulpo
Sesadler	German gunboat	800	10	1300	Comdr. Hoffmann	Shanghai
Tiger	German gunboat	—	—	—	Comdr. Deimling	Shanghai
Vorwaerts	German gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. von Weise	Shanghai
Thetis	German cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Dick	Shanghai
Elba	Italian cruiser	2730	19	7471	—	Chemulpo
Piemonte	Italian cruiser	2427	34	12,000	Captain Ducerne	Shanghai
Vesuvio	Italian cruiser	4500	24	8220	Captain Zuci	Shanghai
Vettor Pisani	Italian cruiser	6500	18	13,000	Capt. Cali	Nagasaki
Dia	Portuguese gunboat	720	—	—	Captain Diogo de Sa	Macao
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat	600	—	—	Capt. F. J. Barboza Leal	Macao
Aleout	Russian gunboat	810	6	730	Comdr. Guinier	Vladivostok
Amur	Russian cruiser	2800	5	4700	Comdr. Gramschikov	Port Arthur
Askold	Russian cruiser	6000	27	10,000	Capt. Reitzenshtein	Kobe
Bayan	Russian cruiser	7800	10	16,500	—	Port Arthur
Bayarin	Russian cruiser	3200	6	—	—	Chemulpo
Boia	Russian gunboat	1050	6	1150	Comdr. Erjokovitch	Shanghai
Bogayr	Russian cruiser	6840	12	—	—	Port Arthur
Diana	Russian cruiser	6781	8	—	—	Port Arthur
Djigit	Russian cruiser	1450	3	1700	Capt. Nasarovsky	Port Arthur
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	500	9	3500	Comdr. Yuriev	Port Arthur
Jermiasch	Russian gunboat	1490	6	3000	Comdr. Zagarsky	Shanghai
Gromobol	Russian gunboat	12,364	44	14,500	Captain Jensen	Port Arthur
Guilak	Russian gunboat	1000	6	1000	Comdr. Shumoff	Shanghai
Korost	Russian gunboat	1213	7	1500	Comdr. Novakowsky	Sunk
Mandjour	Russian gunboat	1324	7	1500	Comdr. Novakowsky	Shanghai (?)
Navarin	Russian battleship	10,200	12	9700	Commander Crown	Port Arthur
Novik	Russian cruiser	2000	6	17,000	—	Port Arthur
Oruzjaj	Russian cruiser	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Vasiloff	Port Arthur
Pallada	Russian cruiser	6781	12	—	—	Port Arthur
Peresviet	Russian battleship	12,674	15	14,500	Captain Koroleff	Port Arthur
Potemkin	Russian battleship	10,880	16	10,600	Captain Jakovlev	Port Arthur
Potemkin	Russian battleship	12,674	15	14,500	Capt. Zazarsky	Port Arthur
Poltava	Russian battleship	10,880	16	10,600	Captain Ozeroff	Port Arthur
Rasbuznia	Russian cruiser	10,880	16	10,600	Comdr. Liven	Chemulpo
Relwizan	Russian cruiser	12,674	15	14,500	Captain Seppelknoff	Vladivostok
Rosina	Russian protected cruiser	12,200	68	17,000	Capt. Matusevich	Masatopo
Rurik	Russian protected cruiser	10,323	23	13,250	Captain Serubrennikoff	Port Arthur
Seyastopol	Russian gunboat	10,880	18	10,600	Lieut.-Comdr. Ivanoff	Port Arzon
Silach	Russian gunboat	650	2	1125	Comdr. Ginter	Port Arthur
Sivuch	Russian gunboat	1550	8	1125	—	Port Arthur
Taravich	Russian battleship	12,800	38	16,310	—	Ashore
Varyag	Russian cruiser	6000	27	20,000	Capt. Babr	Sunk
Vendik	Russian gunboat	800	6	3500	Comdr. Zagoriansky-Klasei	Port Arthur
Zabiyaka	Russian cruiser	1200	15	1194	Comdr. Abramoff	Port Arthur
Albany	U. S. cruiser	3500	—	—	Capt. S. H. Rodgers	Honolulu
Callao	U. S. cruiser	235	—	—	Lieut. M. L. Miller	Hongkong
Cincinnati	U. S. gunboat	3213	—	—	Capt. H. E. Mason	Honolulu
Don Juan de Austria	U. S. gunboat	1150	—	1600	Captain Denfield	Singapore
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	540	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. J. Hood	Shanghai
Helena	U. S. gunboat	1392	—	1888	Comdr. Stewart	Shanghai
*Kentucky	U. S. flag-ship	11,500	41	10,000	Captain R. M. Berry	Honolulu
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	3900	—	3000	Captain Mahan	Shanghai
Monocacy	U. S. gunboat	1370	6	860	Comdr. Denfield	Taku
Monterey	U. S. monitor	4084	4	5244	Comdr. W. H. Beeblew	Canton
New Orleans	U. S. cruiser	3187	20	—	Commander Blockinger	Honolulu
—	U. S. cruiser	10,288	45	—	Captain Barwell	Kobe
Rainbow	U. S. cruiser	4000	—	—	Commander G. H. Dyer	Manila
Raleigh	U. S. cruiser	3213	—	—	Capt. Mason	Honolulu
Vicksburg	U. S. cruiser	1000	18	1118	Comdr. Marshall	Shanghai
Villalobos	U. S. gunboat	400	—	—	Lieut. L. C. Bordette	Shanghai
Wilmington	U. S. gunboat	1397	8	1824	Commander U. R. Harris	Cheloo

TELEGRAMS.

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MR CHAMBERLAIN'S POLICY.

DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Trade Amendment Defeated.

LONDON, February 15.

In the House of Commons to-day, the debate on the Address in Reply was continued. The Right Hon. Mr. John Morley moved an amendment to the Address in support of Free-trade, and the House divided on the question. The amendment was rejected by 327 to 276.

All the members of the Nationalist party voted for the amendment, and about a score of Unionists, including The Right Hon. Mr. Chamberlain, and the Right Hon. Mr. Ritchie, ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, also voted with the minority.

[This is a notable victory for it not only shows that the Unionists are offering a united front to the combined Liberal and Nationalist parties, but that there is a strong party in the House in favour of Mr. Chamberlain's policy than could have been anticipated. If this vote is reflected in the constituency, it points to the defeat of a policy of fiscal policy after the type of the Chamberlain's.

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THE RAILWAY IN SHANTUNG

TSINANFU REACHED.

SHANTUNG, Feb. 16, 1904.

The Shantung Railway is making satisfactory progress. Tsinanfu is connected with Tientsin yesterday.

[Tsinanfu is the capital of the Province of Shantung, and is situated near the Yellow River. It is distant about 180 miles from Tientsin (Kiaochow). The German leased territory. The Germans have spent less time over their railway project in the hinterland than Hongkong. After six years of occupation, they have converted their new Colony by rail with the capital of the Province; after sixty-three years Hongkong is still unconnected by rail with the capital of the Province of Kwangtung. Some people may wonder at German methods; but they seem to be more purposeful than ours. CHINA MAIL.]

[RUSSIA'S SERVICE.]

UNREST IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, February 12.

The revolutionary propaganda in the South of Russia is increasing, and many Provincial Governors have been summoned to St. Petersburg to confer with the Government.

THE WAR.

Germany and China have proclaimed neutrality.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. UNITED SERVICES.

This match, which ought to have started at 11 o'clock yesterday, did not begin until twenty-five minutes to twelve. The Services winning the toss took first lease of a good wicket, and soon 1 at two wickets for very few runs. Campbell and Heath then made a determined stand and several changes of bowling had to be made. Just as the bell was going for the fifth-hour, Mackenzie beat Campbell, who had played excellent cricket for his score of 43. Heath continued to hit out in characteristic fashion, and received considerable support from Major Chichester, Davies and Funnell, but was eventually caught by Mackenzie when his score was 75. The innings closed for 210 runs.

Services Smith and R. Hancock opened the batting for the Cricket Club. Smith was dismissed for 16 runs, and made way for Turner. Turner and Hancock offered a stubborn resistance to the bowling, and were both not out at the end of the day's play, with 83 and 82 respectively, the total score being 193. The game was resumed to-day. The score at the lunch to-day was as follows:—

UNITED SERVICES—1st INNINGS.			
K. Campbell, R.N., b Mackenzie	43		
Gibson, R.N., b Cooper	4		
Toutin, R.N., c T. S. Smith, b J. T. Dixon	7		
Lt. Heath, 11th Mah., c Mackenzie, b H. Hancock	75		
Major Chichester, c T. S. Smith, b H. Hancock	23		
Capt. P. G. Davies, c H. Hancock, b Cooper	12		
Mr. Funnell, R.N., b H. Hancock	14		
Lt. Blair, R.N., b J. T. Dixon	0		
Com. F. regular, R.N., b H. Hancock	0		
Capt. Boyd, c T. S. Smith, b J. T. Dixon	8		
Surge. Horley, not out	5		
Sundries	8		
Total	210		

HONGKONG C.C.—1st INNINGS.			
T. S. Smith, c Blair, b Campbell	46		
K. Campbell, b Gibson	130		
W. D. Turner, c Gibson, b Heath	183		
H. Hancock, c Campbell, b Heath	26		
J. T. Dixon, lbw, b Heath	11		
A. G. Ward, not out	9		
A. Mackenzie, not out	0		
Extras	22		
Total for 5 wks.	412		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

UNITED SERVICES.			
J. T. Dixon	20	5	55
Cooper	18	4	57
H. Hancock	6	1	27
T. S. Smith	3	0	14
A. Mackenzie	10	2	29
H. Hancock	5	2	20

HONGKONG BREWERY CO. LIMITED.

A meeting in connection with this Company was held on Monday, Feb. 15, at No. 15, Queen's Road Central, Mr. E. A. Meuror in the chair.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, This meeting is called for the purpose of complying with the Companies Ordinances of Hongkong, one of which provides that a meeting of the Company must be held within four months of the Registration of the Company. It is for this purpose therefore that you have been asked to attend here to-day. As we have met together, I will take this opportunity of informing you that in accordance with the Memorandum of Association of the Coy, two agreements therein referred to, and made between Mr. E. A. Meuror of the Coy, and Mr. W. G. Jack, on behalf of the Company of the other part, have been ratified and carried into effect, and the necessary assignments made to the Company. There has been a surrender of the Title-Deeds to the Crown, and a new Crown lease granted to the Company in respect of the Two Specimens purchased by them, which are now known as Inland Lot No. 1705. On the Western Portion of this Lot No. 1705, the 'Metropole Hotel' stands, and the Eastern Portion is a vacant piece of land. On this vacant piece of land, it is intended to build the Brewery. Doubtless, some of you have noticed that this piece of land is practically the bed of a watercourse. In the contract for the purchase from Sir C. P. Chater of this piece of land, is a covenant by him to raise and level this section, to a level with Section A, and to divert the watercourse, and build a nullah. As soon as this is done, the site will be ready for the Brewery buildings, and for any kind of building. The raising and leveling of the site to a level with Section A, has to be done at the expense of Sir P. Chater, and seeing that the price the Brewery Co., has paid for this site (which includes the raising and leveling) is only \$3,000, the Company must be congratulated on obtaining a very small building site at a very small cost. I said just now, that the site is practically the bed of a watercourse, and I should have explained that an abundance of pure good water, suitable for beer-brewing purposes, flows through it. Samples of this water have been submitted for analysis, and have been pronounced to be suitable for the purpose of brewing good beer. Of the water the Company has an abundance for all its purposes, and beyond the expense of laying off its pipes to convey it into our brewing casks and tanks, it will cost us nothing. At the side of and higher up than the level of our property, is a dam or reservoir, from which the Company is entitled to draw as much water (subject to precisely the same suitable quality as that to which I have already referred), as will flow through a two-inch pipe, so that we are absolutely safe from a water point of view, even if our Brewery develops in time into a very large concern, and, as I have said, the water will cost us nothing. On the piece of land adjoining that upon which we intend to build our Brewery, is the building known as the Metropole Hotel, and it was at first intended to convert that building into our Brewery. But upon going closely into the cost, it was found that we could erect a new building, a building designed expressly for beer-brewing, for a very little more than it would cost to convert the Metropole Hotel into premises suitable for our purpose. We purchased the Metropole Hotel site for \$50,000, and after we had decided to build the Brewery on the adjoining site, we considered the advisability of applying for a licence to sell our Beer in the Metropole Hotel. That, however, would have involved the immediate outlay of a large amount of money to put the premises in a proper state of repair, as well as the engagement of a suitable Manager of the Hotel, and by no means easy matter—and the annual payment of the cost of the licence, as well as the cost of keeping the premises in a state of good repair; it is doubtful whether we should have succeeded in obtaining a licence. Just as we were discussing this matter, we received an application from Mr. James Christie, of the Bay View Hotel, for a lease of the Metropole Hotel, and after fully considering the matter, we decided to grant him a lease for 7 years, with the option of renewal for a further term of 7 years, on very satisfactory terms, and the lease has been completed. The terms are that the lessee at his expense at once puts the premises, inside and out, into a thorough state of repair to the satisfaction of the Company, the cost of which is not to exceed \$50,000—these repairs are now being got on with, also during his lease he keeps the interior of the premises in a proper state of repair, and that during the term of his lease, he binds himself to sell only the Company's Draught Malt Liquors, and a satisfactory arrangement has been done with him as to the sale of bottled Malt Liquors. The net rental of the premises will give the Company a return of about 10% per annum on the price paid for this portion of the lot. This is by no means a bad return in itself. We however, expect to sell a large quantity of Beer—draught and bottled—to the lessee of the Metropole Hotel, upon the sale of which we expect to derive a fair profit, but before any profit can be realised from the sale of Beer, we must put our Brewery building at work. We have been in communication with an experienced master-brewer in Germany, with whom we have arranged satisfactory terms. He is ready to come out and attend to the building and fitting up of the Brewery as soon as we are ready for him to come out. A few months would be sufficient to get our Brewery building at work. We have been in communication with an experienced master-brewer in Germany, with whom we have arranged satisfactory terms. He is ready to come out and attend to the building and fitting up of the Brewery as soon as we are ready for him to come out. A few months would be sufficient to get our Brewery building at work. We have been in communication with an experienced master-brewer in Germany, with whom we have arranged satisfactory terms. He is ready to come out and attend to the building and fitting up of the Brewery as soon as we are ready for him to come out. A few months would be sufficient to get our Brewery building at work.

factory one, because the object for which the Company is formed is to brew beer, and not merely to act as landlords. I think there is no doubt whatever that as soon as our shares are taken up, and we are thus placed in a position to carry out the object for which the Company was formed, we shall be in a position to pay good dividends to our shareholders. There seems to be no doubt whatever that we shall pay good dividends, dividends sufficiently high to speedily put our stock at a premium, and to keep it at a premium; but until the Public subscribe for the balance of our Shares, and enable us to get on with our legitimate work—(if I may so express myself)—I am afraid, Gentlemen, you will have to be content with the 4 per cent return your Capital is now earning for you. The matter remains with you and with the Public, with you if you desire to reap the full benefit of carrying on the business of brewing beer by increasing your subscriptions sufficiently to enable the work to be properly carried on with the Public, or their taking up the unaltered shares of the Company. As soon as this is done, you will be in a position to derive the full benefit arising from the brewing of beer—and in the opinion of those capable of forming a fair and proper estimate, the benefit will be a real one—until then, as I have said, you will have to be content with a return of 4 per cent of your money. It is the intention of the Police to take over the Bay View Hotel, and convert it into a Police Station at a very early date. Mr. Christie, the present proprietor, will therefore have to remove. It is his intention to apply to the Justices for permission to remove his business to the Metropole Hotel, and doubtless this will be granted. There will then be no licensed premises for intoxicating liquors between Praya East and the Metropole Hotel. I have already explained to you what has been done by your Managers in the matter of the Mortgage and Lease, and I shall be glad if you will express your approval of what they have done.

It was proposed by Mr. E. C. Wilks and seconded by Mr. Lam Chi Pang that the Report as read be adopted. This was carried. Communicated.

YARN MARKET.

In their fortnightly report, dated 12th February, Messrs. C. M. P. and Co. write—

Our Yarn market during the interval under review remained very firm. Reports from almost all the consuming districts have been very satisfactory, both as regards consumption and price, and dealers as well as speculators anticipate a brisk trade after the Chinese New Year (16th inst.) holidays, have further strengthened the market by forcing up values from Dollars One to Six over previous high rates. The demand has been on almost all counts and descriptions with the exception of Nos. 16 and 18 which are not in request. The greatest advance is to be noticed in Nos. 10 and 12 which are still required in at higher rates, and in which dealers as well as speculators are highly interested. A fair amount of yarns transpired in Nos. 20 and 16 at an advance of \$1 to \$3 per bale, and selected threads are inquired for at still higher rates. Nos. 12 and 10 required very firm and with an advance of from \$2 to \$6 per bale on last mail's quotations, a very good business is reported. Nos. 8 and 16 are not inquired for. Sales during the past fortnight comprised 345 bales of No. 10; 1,750 bales of No. 12; 1,025 bales of No. 16; and 1,100 bales of No. 20; in all about 6,800 bales. Arrivals during the fortnight per steamers Chusan, Suwang, Capri, and Catherine Apsara of about 7,000 bales. Shipments to Shanghai and the Northern Ports about 2,000 bales. The stock is estimated at about 35,000 bales.

Local Yarn.—No business is reported. Japanese Yarn.—Sales are reported of about 1,750 bales of No. 20 at \$135 to \$140 per bale.

THE TURF.

Yesterday's Times.

There was a good muster at the Course yesterday morning. School Girl went over the mile nicely, and Discovery galloped one and a quarter miles in creditable time.

Neddy ran one mile; the last two quarters being timed as 34, 1.09 3/4. Border Lad covered half-a-mile in 1.04; the first quarter being run in 30 1/2. Alarm ran the same distance in 33 1/2.

Felix galloped three-quarters of a mile in 33, 1.04, 1.36. So's times for the same distance were 34, 1.05, 1.36.

Chieftain covered the six furlongs in 1.40, timed as 31 1/2, 1.03, 1.40. Aladdin was a fraction faster, viz., 34 1/2, 1.02, 1.40.

Felix's times for three-quarters of a mile were 33, 1.04, 1.38. Yellow Skin was four seconds slower, the times being 35, 1.06, 1.42.

Discord and Musclet were associated in a mile spin, timed at 35, 1.10, 1.45, 2.10.

Harro Rose ran one and a quarter mile, the last mile taking 2.21; the quarters being 38, 1.16, 1.50, 2.21.

Tai Yat covered the mile in 2.16, the quarters being 39, 1.04, 1.38, 2.16. Sylph Rose was a second faster; full times being 37, 1.03, 1.41, 2.14.

Talbot's times for a mile were 35, 1.08, 1.43, 2.16. Becket was three seconds slower, the times being 36, 1.11, 1.45, 2.19.

Go Bang ran the same distance in 2.21, the quarters being 39, 1.19, 1.56, 2.21. School Girl made fast time for a mile, viz., 2.01, the quarters were run in 32 1/2, 1.02, 1.31, 2.01.

Caanny defeated Reed Tootie in a mile gallop, the last two quarters being timed at 33, 1.07.

Emigrant finished ahead of Colonel after a mile run, the times for which were 33, 1.07, 1.44, 2.19.

Vancouver ran one and a quarter miles in 2.50, the full times being 37, 1.12, 1.49, 2.17, 2.50.

Francis Rose covered the mile and a quarter in 2.49; full times being 36, 1.03, 1.42, 2.15, 2.49.

Coronet Rose was a fraction of a second slower, the full times being 37, 1.11, 1.43, 2.16, 2.48.

Discovery beat La France Rose's times by 3/8 of a second, the times being 31 1/2, 1.03, 1.36, 2.11, 2.47.

Standard and Mania went over the mile and a quarter together, the times being 36, 1.11, 1.47, 2.21, 2.54.

Good Bye's times for one and a quarter miles were 40, 1.17, 1.52, 2.35, 3.01.

Arm-a-pogus beat Run over the same distance, the times being 44, 1.24, 1.59, 2.33, 3.09.

Remnant's times were 36, 1.12, 1.46, 2.17, 2.44.

Once More ran one and a half miles in 3.30, full times being 37, 1.12, 1.47, 2.21, 2.56, 3.30.

Fossil was eight seconds slower, the times being 43, 1.21, 1.59, 2.35, 3.07, 3.39.

KWANGSI NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KUIZIN, January 28.

THE REBELLION.

There is not much in the way of news to report. In fact, the only definite piece of information to hand is that a fort or camp of fifty soldiers, in the Yungfuh Hsien jurisdiction, was stormed in a night attack, and all the defenders either slain or dispersed. The stores all fell to the attacking party, who are reported to be disarmed braves. It is said that no proper look-out was kept, so that there was practically no fighting, the defenders being caught napping. This Hsien is in the Kuichin prefecture, about halfway to Luichow Fu. That district is still reported to be full of bands of disbanded braves. The prefectures further West are still reported to be in an unsettled condition, but this may be merely an opinion based on past facts. At any rate, the pacification of those districts, reported as the result of the Victory's endeavours, is certainly not common knowledge. But for the matter of that, the concerns of other places weigh very lightly on the ordinary Chinese.

CANTONESE DEMONSTRATED.

At Christmas time there was a good deal of excitement in the city, for a fairly prominent citizen was captured by a large force of soldiers, and beheaded, without much ceremony or delay, within the city walls—an unheard of thing according to all accounts. This man, Chen by name, a Cantonese who kept a drug shop on the main street, was reported to be a centre of disaffection, having enrolled more than a hundred followers. He was wanted, but could not be found. His store was, however, burnt out, along with (say) two hundred more on the Hsich Yuen Kiu, a day or two before, and he and his family had to seek refuge in one of the temples. This being known a force of a hundred was sent by night to seize him. He himself was an exceedingly powerful man, and succeeded in killing several before he was overpowered. His son, a young man not twenty, also fought desperately, but being badly wounded, was soon overpowered. This son is reported to have revealed the names of the confederates. As said above they were both taken off and beheaded inside the Old West Gate.

About the same time, possibly as a result of this, a good many others were put to death in various ways. Certainly during the month of December more persons were executed than usually takes place in a year.

In my last communication I spoke about the case of Mr. Lin, then in the Yamen, the execution of whom was delayed on account of exertions of the French priest. Shortly after that, Mr. Lin died in the prison, as a result, it is said, of taking opium. Anyway, for his funeral, the large doors of the Yamen were opened to allow his coffin or body to be taken through, as the result of pressure brought to bear in certain quarters. I usually a hole is dug in the wall for the exit of corpses.

NEW POLICE FORCE.

On the first of the Twelfth month, January 17, the whole city was surprised to find itself the possessor of a brand new police force dressed in green ciskins, and sentry boxes planted every two hundred yards or so. There are a large number of men employed, 130 being allotted to the North section, which is quite a small section. The men go on for a four hours' shift by day and by night. They seem to be well looked after. They nearly all come from the North.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The city has also been numbered right through, and a tin plate is now affixed to each house giving the name of occupier, and the total number of mouths within. It is also reported that Christians have to register themselves as such.

About Christmas time the city received a visit from a Japanese, the representative of the Mitsui Company, for the purpose of interviewing the Governor. He was well versed in Chinese affairs, spoke both Chinese and English well, making a thorough Chinese in Chinese dress.

During the week after Christmas, the missionaries of the Alliance and Church Missions, seven in all, met daily for a week's Convention. This was followed during the next week by a similar convention for the Chinese Christians. The last day of this was saddened by the death of a Christian and his subsequent burial, the first that this city has seen conducted according to Christian rites.

The weather keeps very dry, and somewhat cold, in fact perfect for those who can enjoy it. Price of rice is \$2.85 Mex. At this time last year it was \$3.00.

The princes in the tower were trying to fathom their uncle's motive. 'But why do you suppose he wants to murder us?' asked Edward. 'I don't know,' returned his brother, 'unless somebody has been trying to tell him some of the right things we got off.'

Dangerous.

THE greatest danger from colds and influenza is their tendency to result in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. It will cure a cold or an attack of influenza in less time than other treatment. Housewives in a child that is subject to croup is a sure indication of the approach of the disease. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has appeared, it will prevent the attack. It always cures, and cures quickly. For sale by all chemists and medicine vendors; WAITKES, Ltd., General Agents.

VOLUNTEERS AT PRACTICE.

Field Day.

Yesterday, the members of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps held Gun Practice at Lai-chi-kok. A start was made about 10 a.m., and about one hundred Volunteers turned out, with officers. After their arrival at Lai-chi-kok tiffin was served, and firing with the 15-pounders and Maxims was indulged in.

CHINESE NEW YEAR.

The Chinese New Year was ushered in with the usual hideous noise of bursting crackers and exploding bombs. Monday night, New Year's eve, saw the Fair at Jervois Street crowded with sightseers and bargain-seekers, and before midnight a large amount of goods had changed hands. The practice of discharging explosive bombs in the street is one to which it must draw the attention of the authorities. It is for children by law to throw these explosive bombs in the street, as it is not only dangerous to the car, but is actually dangerous. On Monday night these bombs were being thrown about, indiscriminately and on Tuesday morning in Wellington Street a household of boys stood on the balconies and bombarded the passers by. It should be understood that there are Europeans, as well as Chinese, in this part of the City, and their interest should be studied, at least, a little. The noise of the bursting crackers is, in itself, quite annoying enough, but when bombs are added to supplement the crackers, it becomes almost unbearable. The weather on Tuesday was very fine, and somewhat different from the usual weather served out on previous New Year Days. More public chairs and rickshaws were to be seen in the street than is usually the case, and another notable incident was the absence of fires on New Year's day. An alarm was rung about fifteen minutes yesterday, but on inquiry it proved to be a false one, and the day passed off without a fire being reported. The Sanitary Board were also more active than usual, and the streets were continually being cleaned of the refuse remaining from the fire-works. In all, the New Year has been a quiet, and more cleanly than has been its wont, and we hope it may be looked upon as a good sign of the cleanliness of Hongkong during the next twelve months.

THE FREIGHT MARKET.

In their Freight Circular dated Saturday, 13th inst., Messrs. Lamke and Rogge write:—

The freight market has remained in an exceedingly animated state since writing last, and a very large business has been done, and is steadily hardening rates. The political situation and the actual outbreak of hostilities in the North are no doubt the principal factors in the present upward movement; a large number of neutral steamers has been picked up and is still being chartered here and at Shanghai, in consequence of which the amount of tonnage available for regular trade in the South has been greatly becoming so scarce that rates of freight were bound to follow an upward tendency.

From Saigon to this port, a fair amount of chartering has come to pass, and rates have further advanced to 25 cents per picul, though, towards the close, there is a somewhat less feeling chiefly attributable to a falling off in the demand here for Japan which has caused the local rice market to decline. There is, however, every probability that matters will mend soon and that the present lull in Saigon-Hongkong freights will prove of but short duration.

From Saigon for Philippines ports, business has been done at greatly improved rates, viz., 38 and 40 cents per picul for small carriers, and further tonnage may be wanted ere long, but steamers of small size have become extremely scarce. Nothing has been done from Saigon for any other destination.

Hence to Japan, large shipments of grain have gone forward, both by liners and chartered steamers, chartered rate for the latter having been 20 cents per picul. As already indicated, there is less inquiry at the moment, though it is not unlikely that shipments will be resumed at an early date. From Bangkok to this, rates have likewise improved, but so far the trade has remained in the hands of liners, outside boats not having started as yet.

From Java to this, no fresh business is reported locally. From Japan Coal ports to this, under the influence of a strong demand, rates have advanced to \$2.30 per ton at which figure a number of charters have been drawn and further tonnage is wanted end of this month and also March loading. Major Seward \$2.50 per ton has been paid. For Singapore, no fresh settlements are reported.

On time basis, a large business has since been transpired, the demand running chiefly for light draft boats with wooden decks, Hongkong passenger license and some admen according to a fair rate have been granted for suitable craft. Details of fixtures will be found in list overleaf.

Sale Freights.—There is nothing fresh to report under this head. Sail-tonsage loading or to load.—For Callao.—Italian bark *Lothar*, arrived 12th January. British bark *Algo Bay* to arrive from Hongkong.

Departures.—British 4-m. bark *Palgrave*, 11th February for Sydney.

To-day's Advertisements

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Namang*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after Noon, the 20th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

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To-day's Advertisements

THERE IS BUT ONE

SPEEDICUT

High Speed Tool Steel, and that is

FIRTH'S SPEEDICUT

SOLE MAKERS,

Thos. Firth & Sons, LIMITED,

Norfolk Works, Sheffield.

Hongkong, January 5, 1904. 20-2

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB WILL GIVE FOUR PERFORMANCES OF THE COMIC OPERA

'HIS EXCELLENCY'

Written by W. S. Gilbert, Music composed by Dr. Osmond Carr, on

THURSDAY, 18th February. FRIDAY, 19th " SATURDAY, 20th " Commencing each Evening at 9 P.M. precisely.

No HALF PRICE. Tickets can be obtained at the Booking Office of the Theatre, City Hall, on and after MONDAY, February 8, at 10 A.M. Booking Office will be opened daily from that date from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Late Trains will run a quarter of an hour after the fall of the curtain.

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THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

THE HENRY DALLAS

Musical Comedy

Company.

GRAND OPENING NIGHT

Shipping.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP
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WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATE

DATE	FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP, Via SUEZ, PANAMA, Colon, Port Said & MARSEILLES		Idemeneus	About 19th February	Freight only.
YAMA, Via SHAI, MOJI & KOBE (passing through the INLAND SEA)		Jura	About 23rd February	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, Via		Chusan	Noon, 27th February	See Special Advertisement
SPAIN, Via		W. B. Palmer, R.M.S.	About 28th February	Freight and Passage.

The further Particulars apply to E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

F. C. S. N. Co's Office, Hongkong, February 15, 1904.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

POSTAL-VERKEHR FRACHT-DAMPFER DIENST.

Taking Cargo through bills of lading to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GENEVA, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS in the North and Baltic Ports; North and South America.

DISPATCHED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

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<i>Destinations.</i>	<i>Vessels.</i>	<i>Agents.</i>	<i>Date of Leaving.</i>
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Bromen, &c.	Sorditz (s)	Melchers & O	March 2.
Bromen, &c.	Roen(s)	Melchers & Co.	March 16.
Gencs, Marles L'pool	Koemun (s)	Butterfield & Swin ..	Feb. 20, at Noon.
Havre and Hamburg	C. Fred. Lesies	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie ..	February 20.
Havre, Bremen & Hamb	Sithona (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie ..	March 2.
Havre and Hamburg	Bamberg (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie ..	March 17.

Japan	Linship (s)	Cinnah Land & T'ing Co.	End half of Feb.
London & Amstedam	Chuan (s)	Chuan (s)	End of Feb.
London & Amstedam	Chuan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	27, 28, 29, Noon
London & Antwerp	Kintock (s)	Butterfield & Swire	February 19, p.m.
London & Antwerp	Moyune (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 1
London & Antwerp	Glencus (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 5
London & Antwerp	Glengely (s)	McGregor Bros. & Gow	March 6
Manila	Shaw (s)	Shaw, James & Co.	Feb. 20, at 10 a.m.
Manila	Zafiro (s)	Shaw, James & Co.	Feb. 20, at 10 a.m.
Manila	Premont (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	March 1
Manila	Cibihl (s)	Butterfield & Swire	February 19
Marselles via Saigon	Yarra (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Feb. 23, at 1 p.m.
Manila, Aus'lan Empire	Empire (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Feb. 19, at Noon
Manila, Aus'lan Empire	Changela (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 3
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Shanghai.....	Coramandel (s).....	P & O S. N. Co.....	About Feb. 28.
Shanghai.....	Woosang (s).....	Butterfield & Swire.....	February 18.
S'hai, Nu'ki, Kibb.....	Roon- (s).....	Melchers & Co.....	About Feb. 19.
S'hai, Yam & Hogo.....	Sileis (s).....	Sander, Wieler & Co.....	February 21, a.m.
Shanghai and Portland, Co.	Indrapura (s).....	Portland & Asiatic S. Co.....	February 24.
Meiji and Portland, Co.	Indrasmita (s).....	Portland & A. S. Co.....	March 15.
S'juro, Java, Porto, & Co.	Tyilatop (s).....	China's Hand 'Ting Co.....	1st half of March.
S'hoor, F'ang, R'goun.....	Gisela (s).....	Sander, Wieler & Co.....	February 23, p.m.
S'tow, Amoy & Tamsai	Struvs (s).....	Oeska Shoen Kaisha.....	Feb. 21, at 10 a.m.
Takao Direct.....	Prometheus (s).....	Oeska Shoen Kaisha.....	Feb. 19, at 10 a.m.
Yancover (B.C.) & Co.	Turru (s).....	Canadian P&O L. Co.....	February 24.
Yancover (B.C.) & Co.	Empress of Japan (s).....	Canadian P&O L. Co.....	March 9.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Shawmut (s).....	Dobwell & Co. Limited.....	February 19.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Dacuna (s).....	Dobwell & Co. Limited.....	February 26.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Victoria (s).....	Dugdely & Co., Ltd.....	March 16.
Ymso, S'hai, Meiji, Kobe	Java (s).....	P & O S. N. Co.....	About Feb. 23 1/2
Yokohama & Kobe.....	Sambin (s).....	Hambro, Am'k's Limit.....	Feb. 23, at Noon

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations, Cash.
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK CORP.	80,000	\$ 125	all	\$640, selling London, £81

National Bank of China, Limited ..	19,870 £	10 £	£ 833, buyers
	29,855 £	10 £	£ 833, buyers
Do.	750 £	1 £	1 \$10
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000 £	250 £	50 \$175, sellers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000 £	83.33 £	25 \$35, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000 £	15 £	5 T. 67
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000 £	250 £	170 \$490, sellers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000 £	100 £	50 \$135
FIRE INSURANCES.			
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000 £	100 £	50 \$82, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000 £	250 £	50 \$305, buyers
DOCKS, ETC.			
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd.	50,000 £	50 £	all \$207, buyers
W. G. Fenwick & Co., Limited.	0,000 £	25 £	25 \$1, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co. Ltd.	0,000 £	25 £	25 \$274, sellers
S. C. Farquhar, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	55,700 Tls.	100 Tls.	100 Tls. 130
WATERBOATS, ETC.			
Ching and Manlin S. S. Co., Ltd. {	30,000 £	50 £	\$25, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited. }	20,000 £	50 £	all \$35, sellers
H.K. & M. Steamship Co., Ltd. }	80,000 £	15 £	15 \$224, on div. sellers

Indo-China F. N. Company, Limited	80,000	L	10	a	all	\$84
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	10,000	S	9	10	380, sellers	
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	10,000	S	10	3	612, sellers	
do. Preference.	10,000	L	1	2	121, sellers	
Toku Kai and Light Co., Ltd.	100,000	S	50	Tls	50	Tls. 210, Nominal
Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.	200,000	Tls.	50	Tls.	50	Tls. 35, buyers
do. Preference.	100,000	Tls.	50	Tls.	50	Tls. 43, sales
REFINERIES.						
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	S	100	a	2104, buyers	
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	S	100	a	810, sellers	
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	7,000	Tls.	50	T	50	Tls. 60
WHARVES.						
H.K. & Kwong Wah & Godown Co.	30,000	S	100	a	695, buyers	
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co.	20,100	Tls.	100	Tls	100	Tls. 200, buyers
LAND AND BUILDING.						
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	S	100	100	3150, sellers	
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	53,000	Tls.	60	Tls	60	Tls. 113, sales
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	S	50	30	3365, sellers	
Wei-hei-wei Land & Building Co., Ltd.	3,784	Tls.	25	Tls	25	Tls. 10, sales
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co.	100,000	S	10	a	all	210.60, div., sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited	51,000	L	1	23	123, sales	
	12,500	S	50	50	565, sellers	
TRAMWAYS.						
H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	S	100	a	3300	

MINING.						
New Panjin Mining Co., Ltd.....	60,000	\$	11	\$	11	\$1, sellers
Conference shares.....	36,000			all		25 cents
Société Française des Charbon- nages du Tonkin.....	100,000	Fcs.	250	all		\$600, sellers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.....	200,000	£	1	18/10		84, sellers
HOTELS, ETC.						
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.....	12,000	\$	50	all		\$148, sellers
Asor Hotels Hotel Co., Ltd. (Finnish).....	2,000	T.Ts.	20	Ts.	50	\$2, buyers
Asor Hotels Hotel Co., Ltd. (S'hai) DISTRIBUTERS.....	30,000	\$	25	\$	25	\$283, sales
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.....	60,000	\$	10	all		\$144, sellers
Watkins Limited.....	10,000	\$	8	\$	10	\$74, sales
LUBRICATING.						
W. & A. Limited.....	2,000	\$	10	all		\$140, buyers

Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	8,000	1/10	50	1/10	Tla. 50	Tla. 1224, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	5	10	1/10	5123, sellers	
New Electrics (new issue)	30,000	5	10	5	57	
RUBBER AND CEMENT.						
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	50,000	5	10	5	10	3264, sellers
REINSURANCE.						
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	8,604	1/2	12/10	12/10	63, sellers	
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	8,000 ordinary	5	10	4	89	
" " " " " " "	10,000	5	10	5	10	3212, buyers
H.K. Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.	7,000	1/10	50	10	5164, buyers	
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	10,000	5	21	all	5164, buyers	
Shanghai Gas Co., Limited	30,000	5	10	5	5123, buyers, sellers	
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	7,200	1/2	20	7/10	Tla. 425	
Urban Planting Company, Ltd.	20,000	5	8	5	314, sellers	
Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	5	50	all	5135, ex div.	
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	10,000	5	10	5	5164, sellers	
Two Cotton Spinning and Weav-	20,000	1/10	50	1/10	Tla. 33, sellers	

ing Co., Ltd.	3,000	Tls.	75	Jan 70	Tls. 25
Laoc-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls.	100	Dec 100	Tls. 320
Shing Kee Spinning Co., Ltd.	9,000	Tls.	600	Dec 100	Tls. 171
China Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Ltd.	60,000	2	12	10	89, sales & sellers
China Serener Company, Ltd.	60,000	2	12	12	88, sales & sellers
Shing Kee & Sons Co., Ltd. ed.	1,200	0	10	all	
Wm. Powell, Ltd.	1,200	0	10	10	89, sales & buyers

Shanghai and Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ltd.	1,000 \$	60 \$	50 \$	350
The Canton-Hongkong Ice and Cold Storage Company, Limited	70,000 \$	10 \$	10 \$	110, Nominal
CIGAR COMPANYING				
Philippines Co., Ltd.	67,500 \$	10 \$	10 \$	110, buyers
Nichimura Limited	300 \$	000 \$	0-00	2000
LOANS.				
	Amount.	Face.	Interest.	Quotation.

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